

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

JEFFREY JOSEPH BRANHAM,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 2:23-cr-00100-LK

FINAL ORDER OF FORFEITURE

This matter comes before the Court on the Government's Motion for a Final Order of Forfeiture, Dkt. No. 68, seeking to forfeit to the United States Defendant Jeffrey Branham's interest in the following (the "Subject Firearm"):

- One black and silver Ruger SR9C pistol, bearing serial number 336-35481, and any associated ammunition, seized on or about May 10, 2023, from Defendant Jeffrey Joseph Branham's person.¹

¹ The Government is not moving for a final order of forfeiture as to the Kimber 9mm pistol, bearing serial number K001085 (the "Kimber Pistol"), which was preliminarily forfeited by Mr. Branham, Dkt. No. 53 at 1, because Richard

1 The Court, having reviewed the Government's motion, as well as the other papers and
2 pleadings filed in this matter, hereby finds that entry of a Final Order of Forfeiture is appropriate
3 for the following reasons:

- 4 1. On December 19, 2024, the Court entered a Preliminary Order of Forfeiture finding the
5 Subject Firearm forfeitable pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(a) as property that facilitated
6 Mr. Branham's commission of Possession of a Controlled Substance with Intent to
7 Distribute, and pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 924(d)(1), by way of 28 U.S.C. § 2461(c), as
8 property that was involved in Mr. Branham's commission of Carrying a Firearm During
9 and in Relation to a Drug Trafficking Crime. Dkt. No. 53 at 2.
- 10 2. Thereafter, the Government published notice of the pending forfeiture as required by
11 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1) and Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b)(6)(C). Dkt. No.
12 54. Additionally, pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 32.2(b)(6)(A) and
13 Supplemental Rule G(4)(b) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime
14 Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions, the Government provided direct notice to one
15 potential claimant to the Subject Firearm (V.F.) and attempted to provide direct notice
16 to one other potential claimant to the Subject Firearm (S.E.C.), but that notice was
17 returned as undelivered. Dkt. No. 68 at 3; Dkt. No. 69 at 2.
- 18 3. The time for filing third-party claims to the Subject Firearm has expired, and none were
19 filed. Dkt. No. 68 at 4.

20 Now, therefore, the Court ORDERS the following:

- 21 1. No right, title, or interest in the Subject Firearm exists in any party other than the
22 United States;

23 _____
24 Sanders has filed a third-party claim to the Kimber Pistol. Dkt. No. 68 at 1–2 (citing Dkt. Nos. 53, 65). The
Government will address that firearm in subsequent filings. *Id.* at 2.

